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Planning

Preparedness Summit Cancelled

BETS has decided that coalitions will be served better by more closely targeted education and training at the coalition or multi-coalition level rather than bringing each coalition to Des Moines in May for a statewide summit. BETS planners will be contacting coalitions over the next few weeks to schedule coalition meeting visits, and discuss education and training needs.

FY13-14 Carryover Funding

Carryover amendments to provide additional funding to the coalitions were distributed via IowaGrants.gov on Thursday, February 26. If you have not already done so, please have an authorized official digitally sign and then return to John Hallman via email.

EMS Certification Expiration

Emergency medical care provider renewals must be completed by March 31, 2015. Providers certified at the EMT-B or Paramedic Specialist levels must complete the transition requirements this certification cycle. EMT-Intermediates and EMT-Paramedics may continue to renew this cycle. The transition requirements are available on the [Transition page of the IDPH EMS web site](#). To complete the electronic renewal, visit the IDPH [System Registry Student/Provider site](#).

If you have not logged into the System Registry since January 1, 2014, you will need to establish a user name and password by selecting the "Sign-Up" option. For issues with the user name and password process, contact the help desk at 1-800-532-1174.

Ebola-Specific Funding

Our federal partners have notified BETS that Ebola-specific PHEP and HPP funding will be made available. This funding will come in the form of new contracts that are anticipated to be released in April.

Coalition Preparedness RFP

BETS anticipates releasing the Health Care Coalition Request for Proposal around March 15 on the lowagrants.gov Grant Opportunities page. This funding will be the follow-on coalition funding for the FY2015-16 grant year.

Pediatric Domain and Hospital Preparedness

On April 2, 2015 from 4-5 pm EST the National EMS for Children National Resource Center will host a webinar- "Pediatric Domains and Considerations for Hospital Disaster Preparedness: Where Do We Begin. The webinar is aimed at hospital respondents to the Pediatric Readiness Assessment; though others interested in improving emergency department pediatric and disaster care are encouraged to attend. Additional information about the webinar is available at <http://www.emscnrc.org/Events/Webinars.aspx>.

Training Opportunities

Date	Title	Location	Registration Info.
March 17-18	ICS-300	Oakland, Iowa	Seats are limited. Priority given to SW Iowa participants. Register Here.
March 31 – April 1	ICS-400	Red Oak, Iowa	Seats are limited. Priority given to SW Iowa participants. Register Here.
April 7	Dealing w/Media for Rural First Responders	Creston, Iowa	http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/
April 23-24	Basic Public Information Officer	Council Bluffs, Iowa	
April 29-30	ICS-300	Le Mars, Iowa	